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San Diego Second-Grader Wins Global Inventor's Challenge

Councilmember Kersey and AT&T to Recognize Morning Creek Elementary Student

San Diego- On June 27, Councilmember Mark Kersey and AT&T will recognize San Diego student Mihir Konkapaka for winning the 2018 <u>Inventor's Challenge</u>, a global student competition encouraging creation of imaginative solutions to challenges in schools and communities.

AT&T and Imagination Foundation named Konkapaka, a second-grader from Morning Creek Elementary School, the recipient of the contest's Thomas Edison Prize for his <u>Checklistinator</u> device. With this creative and tech-savvy invention, Konkapaka eliminates the need for paper checklists by creating electronic checklists. The lists can be programmed to remind students to pack needed items for the school day.

Over the course of a month, nearly 250 students from 184 cities around the world submitted ideas for the Inventor's Challenge. Konkapaka won the top prize for the pre-K through grade 2 bracket. He will be presented a proclamation announcing June 27 to be Mihir Konkapaka Day in the City of San Diego and will receive an LG tablet, a <u>Bitsbox</u> and a certificate of achievement courtesy of AT&T.

When: Wednesday, June 27

Presentation at 10am

Where: AT&T's 'Store of the Future'

11954 Carmel Mountain Rd., San Diego, CA 92128

Visuals: Award presentation

Demonstration of Konkapaka's **Checklistinator**

Interviews with Konkapaka, his family, Councilmember Kersey and AT&T Friends/family of Mihir's, Morning Creek Elementary Principle Rhonda Taylor

Councilmember Mark Kersey represents the City of San Diego's Fifth District including Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Miramar Ranch North, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Encantada, Rancho Peñasquitos, Sabre Springs, San Pasqual, Scripps Miramar Ranch and Torrey Highlands.